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Group Art Unit: 3731

Docket No.: OSTEONICS 3.0-322

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| In re Patent Application of: | :: |
| Patrick Raugel | : Group Art Unit: 3731 |
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| Application No.: 10/007,130 | ::: Confirmation No.: 2165 |
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| Filed: November 5, 2001 | ::: Examiner: D. J. Davis |
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| For: HANDLING DEVICE FOR ACETABULAR | : |
| BEARING LINER | : |

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-13 and 18-27, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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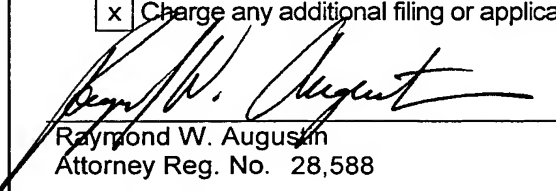
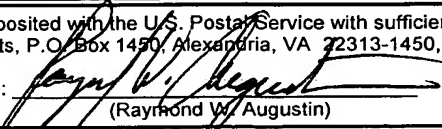
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